

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, February 2, 1988 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Members of the press notified (by mail): Seneca Journal, Keowee Courier, Greenville News, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WCCP Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Dave Partenheimer - WSNW Radio, Sue Nolan - Seneca Journal, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Randall Holcombe - Greenville News & Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier.

All other persons who have asked to be notified of meetings were also notified by mail.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain who welcomed the guests and media.

Call to Order

The invocation was given by Mr. Williams.

Invocation

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the January 19, 1988 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

First on the agenda was a public hearing concerning abandonment by the county of a portion of County Roadway CE 48. The only person present to speak concerning the abandonment was Mr. Fred McCracken, property owner on the roadway, who stated the roadway would be cleaned up if abandoned by the county. A letter was read from Rev. Wesley H. Martin in which he stated he and his wife were not registering any objections to the proposed abandonment.

Public Hearing  
on CE 48

Mr. Mac Prater had called the office earlier to state his objections to the roadway being abandoned. After discussion, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that a portion of County Roadway CE 48 be abandoned by the county.

Mr. Ernie Lombard & Mr. Don Moss addressed Council concerning restoration and preservation of the Russell House. After considerable discussion, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Council go on record endorsing the restoration and preservation of Russell House with letters being sent to Governor Campbell and Donald Eng, Forest Service.

Russell  
House

Mr. Pierce Skinner and Mr. Lynn Wert addressed Council concerning the responsibility of the Oconee Nuclear Station. Mr. Skinner stated their major goals were to have safe licensed facilities, quality facilities, protect public health and safety as well as to insure safe transportation of hazardous waste. (see attached presentation)

Nuclear  
Regulatory  
Commission

Mr. Williams presented Resolution 88-2, "A Resolution in Memorium to Mr. Claude Wooten" to Council and made a motion it be adopted on first and final reading. This motion was seconded by Mr. Butts and approved 5 - 0.

Res. 88-2

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Dillard E. Medford's resignation as County Assessor be accepted.

Resignation of Mr. Medford

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the attached four (4) transfers be approved.

Transfers

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached arts contract be approved.

Arts Contract

Mr. Crain informed Council that Elliott, Davis & Company had withdrawn their bid for the audit of county records for the year ending June 30, 1988. Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Kirk Messiak's bid for the audit be accepted as he was second low bid.

Audit

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Guy Tompkins' request to use the garden spot at Lakeview Rest Home and share the produce with the rest home be approved.

Lakeview

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that \$2,474 be taken from contingency to be used for temporary help while one of the employees in the Law Enforcement Center is out on maternity leave with this not to exceed six weeks.

Contingency LEC

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that \$23,532 be taken from contingency and used to hire two (2) appraisers and two (2) account clerks for the remainder of this fiscal year to work on the reassessment program.

Contingency Assessor

Mr. Brandt read the attached letter from the hospital attorney. Mr. Brandt advised Council to answer the questions in the letter in this manner:

Hospital

(1) Yes - Oconee County Council does consider the June 29, 1959 lease breached.

(2) The failure of the Hospital Association to obtain Council's approval of the bylaw changes and restructuring of the Oconee Memorial Hospital Association and also that the breach occurred at the time the changes were made.

(3) The county consider the lease terminated the date the bylaw changes were made without Council's approval. The Oconee Memorial Hospital is now occupying the premises on a month to month basis and has been for some time.

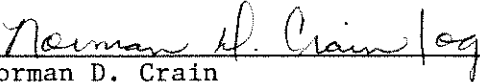
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However it is the desire of the County that Council and the Hospital Association sit down and in good faith negotiate their differences with a view toward entering into another long term lease for the Hospital Association to continue operation.

It is further my opinion that the attempt to exercise the option to renew the lease as provided by paragraph three of the agreement on November 17, 1987 was not available as the lease had had been breached earlier and the Hospital Association had no rights under that paragraph.

After discussion, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Council accept Mr. Brandt's recommendation, to negotiate in good faith to work out the differences and the meetings be held in Council Chambers.

Adjourn: 8:45 PM

  
Norman D. Crain  
Supervisor-Chairman  
Oconee County Council